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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND  
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## **Vote Yes on Senate Bill 646**

**Bill Title: School Construction – Public Charter School Facility Fund - Establishment**

**Hearing Date: March 7, 2023, Budget and Taxation Committee**

**Greetings Chair, Vice Chair, and all members of the Committee**

It is with great honor that I present to you Senate Bill 646. This bill will go into effect on July 1, 2023. Senate Bill 646 will establish the Public Charter School Facility fund as a non-lapsing fund. Designated money from the state budget will be transferred to this cause. SB646 affirms that any money earned from the fund and other money from other sources accepted for the benefit of the fund is solely used for the benefit of public charter school facilities. We strive to enhance the experience of our students and staff. The goal is to provide secure funding to prevent fraud and improve the learning environment.

Senate Bill 646 allows for the amount of funding provided to a public charter school for each fiscal year shall be equal to the facility expenses.

The governor shall include this in the annual budget bill an appropriation that is equal to the total aggregate enrollment in public charter schools in the state in the prior fiscal year multiplied by \$2,000.

We all know the importance of education. It is imperative that we strive to provide quality learning spaces for our children. The future is in our hands, and positive changes should be made. For these reasons, I respectfully ask for your support in approving Senate Bill 646.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Cory V. McCray', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Cory V. McCray  
State Senator